

IN BARRINGTON

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Village Places Home Rule Referendum on November 8 Ballot

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September 29.

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Want more information? Check out the special insert in this edition of the Village newsletter. Don't forget that early voting starts September 29!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Fall Village Events

- **Barrington Farmers Market**
Thursdays through Oct. 13, BMO Harris Lot
- **Metra Lot Concert with Radio Gaga**
October 7, Barrington Metra Lot
- **Plein Air Artists throughout the Village**
September 30–October 8
- **Barrington Fall Wine Walk**
October 8, Downtown
- **Barrington Scarecrow Festival**
October 15, Memorial Park

SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE NEWS E-BLASTS

Stay in the know by signing up for weekly Barrington E-Newsletters. Each week is packed full of information about upcoming events and News You Can Use from the Village. Sign up at barrington-il.gov/updates.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Village has a
number of recycling
programs. Go to
barrington-il.gov/recycle
to learn more.



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Be Inspired! Barrington is a beautiful, historic suburb that takes pride in its hometown charm and small-town heritage. It's a place where our residents are inspired every day to get involved and give back to their community. The Village Center is the heart of town with its stately Victorian homes, historic buildings, and dozens of quaint shops and restaurants clustered in five distinct retail areas. www.barrington-il.gov

DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION EVENT: OCTOBER 22

Residents from the Village of Barrington and other Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) communities are eligible to participate in Document Destruction Event in the North Commuter Lot near Wool Street and Klingenberg from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Materials will not be accepted from non-SWANCC residents, businesses, schools, or institutions. Identification will be checked for verification of residency. To check if you are a member, go to www.swancc.org. There is a limit of six (6) file boxes or paper bags per vehicle, and plastic and metal clips or binders must be removed.

IMPORTANT: This recycling event does not include electronics. Electronics can be picked up at your curb by calling Groot at 800-244-1977.

For more information, contact SWANCC at 847-724-9205 or visit the website at swancc.org.

Public Meetings

SEPTEMBER 2022

09	Architectural Review	6:30 pm
12	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
12	Board of Trustees	7:30 pm
13	Plan Commission/ZBA	7:00 pm
14	Cultural Commission	12:00 pm
14	Fire Pension Board	7:00 pm
22	Architectural Review	6:30 pm
26	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
26	Board of Trustees	7:30 pm
27	Plan Commission/ZBA	7:00 pm

OCTOBER 2022

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13	Architectural Review	6:30 pm
18	Friends of BWH	3:00 pm
24	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
24	Board of Trustees	7:30 pm
25	Plan Commission/ZBA	7:00 pm
27	Architectural Review	6:30 pm

Call (847) 304-3400 for more information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC WORKS

GET READY FOR THE CHIPPER!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 - NORTH OF MAIN STREET

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 - SOUTH OF MAIN STREET

Please have all your branches and material out to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your designated Monday morning. The Chipper will make only ONE pass through your neighborhood. Branches may be up to 10" in diameter and at least 4' in length.

Stack branches neatly in a long, low pile on the parkway, with the cut end facing the curb. Public Works crews cannot pick up material on private property. The following items cannot be picked up: root balls and stumps; building materials; anything with nd in a box or garbage can; grass; leaves; or any materials other than wooded branch materials. Remember to utilize your Groot yard waste tote throughout the season.

IMPORTANT: Unfortunately the Chipper cannot make passes through each neighborhood after every storm. Please dispose of routine yard waste in the "Green Monster" provided, as the Chipper will only be sent out twice a year (spring and fall) and after emergencies or major storm events. Your cooperation in using the Green Monster helps us to keep our service costs down.



MAKE YOUR HOME THE SOLUTION TO STORMWATER POLLUTION!

HEALTHY HOUSEHOLD HABITS

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly into a lake, stream, river, or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the bodies of water we use for swimming and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. By adopting healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater and help protect lakes, streams, and wetlands. For example, when walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and flush it, if possible. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local bodies of water. For more information, visit the Village's website at www.barrington-il.gov.

WE'RE HIRING!

VILLAGE SEEKS QUALIFIED SEASONAL SUPPORT STAFF

The Village of Barrington is seeking seasonal support staff for a variety of snow and ice control activities this winter, including snow plowing, salting, hand shoveling, and other duties as assigned.

Because this is a seasonal support position, the typical work week will vary, depending on weather conditions. Applications are available at www.barrington-il.gov or at Village Hall. For more information, contact Human Resources at 847-304-3415.

SANITARY SEWER BACKUP?

If you experience a sanitary sewer backup due to an extreme rain event, please contact Public Works as soon as possible: we are available Monday through Friday at 847-381-7903 or after hours at 847-590-3491. A Village representative will come out to confirm the backup and investigate the source of the problem.

WOOD CHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH MID-OCTOBER

Stop by the Public Works Facility at 300 N. Raymond Avenue. The pile of chips is located in front of the large salt barn along the railroad tracks through mid-October. Wood chips are self-serve; bring your shovels and containers.



HOME RULE REFERENDUM

EARLY VOTING STARTS SEPTEMBER 29. ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8.

Over the past few years, through community surveys and listening sessions, we have listened to our residents tell us what is most important to them, beyond the “standard” services we provide.

With Home Rule, we would have more diverse revenue streams that would allow us to invest more in our roads, sidewalks, bike paths, and beautification of our Village, among other important projects.

To learn more, go to www.barrington-il.gov/homerule or attend an upcoming Community Information Session:

Thursday, September 15, XX pm, Village Hall

Wednesday, September 28, XX pm, Village Hall

Tuesday, October 11, XX pm, Location

Monday, October 17, XX pm, Location

Wednesday, October 26, XX pm, Location

Wednesday, November 2, XX pm, Location

Population

Communities over 25,000 in population attain Home Rule automatically.

Referendum

Communities of less than 25,000 can only become Home Rule through referendum.

Barrington

Population: 10,722
Can only attain Home Rule by referendum.

WHAT Is Home Rule?

Home Rule is a type of governance that gives municipalities greater authority to shape local solutions for local issues.

Decisions are made by your local officials — your friends and neighbors you see at the grocery store — and not by the state.

By law, Illinois communities are classified as either Home Rule or Non-Home Rule. While Non-Home Rule communities are subject to all state legislation and mandates (unfunded ones included), Home Rule communities may be more flexible in finding local solutions to local issues and are not as burdened by state-imposed mandates and regulations.

WHO Is Home Rule?

Most communities in Northeastern Illinois that provide public safety, public works, and water utility services (as Barrington does) are typically home rule.

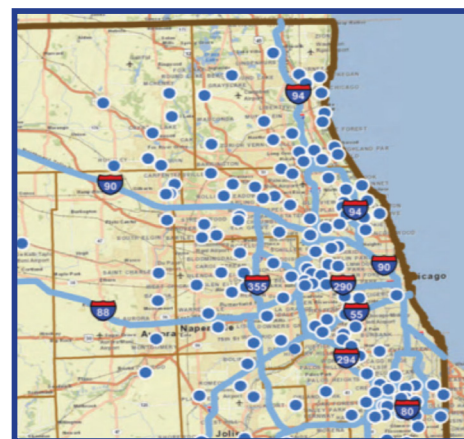
There are two ways a community can become home rule — by population (over 25,000) or by referendum. Since Barrington’s population is 10,722, referendum is our path to Home Rule.

Communities in the region that have become Home Rule through referendum* include:

Bannockburn
Barrington Hills
Bloomington
Buffalo Grove
Carpentersville
Crystal Lake
Deerfield
Elgin
Glenview
Highland Park
Inverness
Lake Barrington
Lake Bluff
Lake Forest
Lincolnshire
Lincolnwood
Mettawa
Morton Grove

Norridge
Oakbrook Terrace
River Grove
Riverwoods
Rolling Meadows
Rosemont
Schiller Park
South Barrington
Volo
Warrenville
Wheeling
Willowbrook
Wilmette
Winnetka
Woodridge

*Some communities on this list became Home Rule through referendum before they were 25,000 in population.



WHY is Barrington Putting Home Rule on the Ballot?

1) Home Rule provides more local control for local officials to make decisions that directly affect Barrington, including the ability to:

- ◆ Implement laws different from the state (in the absence of preemption) to meet local needs
- ◆ Enter into multi-year contracts (cost savings)
- ◆ Create rental housing regulations, including licensing & property maintenance
- ◆ Designate home rule revenues to Village enhancements and improvements
- ◆ Simplify lateral hiring of police officers (no mandatory retirement age)
- ◆ Attain the top credit rating (AAA), which is very difficult to achieve as a non-home rule community
- ◆ Create debt flexibility (lower interest costs)
- ◆ Create opportunities to collaborate with and assist local businesses

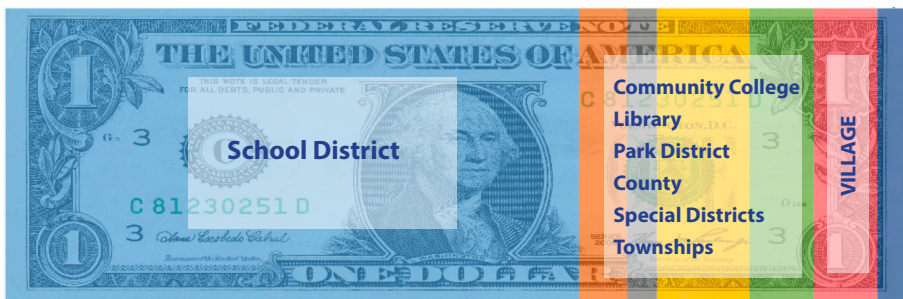
2) Home Rule can provide diverse revenue from regional users to help pay for infrastructure and beautification projects.

Non-residents who visit Barrington benefit from public services and road improvement that are funded through resident property taxes.

New revenues generated from non-residents, such as a home rule sales tax* or amusement tax could be dedicated to expanding the road maintenance program and other Village improvements and potentially reduce property taxes.



*Home rule sales tax does not apply to groceries, medicine, or automobiles.



Remember, the Village receives only a small portion of your property tax bill (just 7%)!



Having additional sources of revenue that include non-resident collections can ease the pressure on property tax and provide a major source of funding for Village improvements that residents need and want. *If Barrington were to become a Home Rule community, the Village Board, by ordinance adopted on September 12, 2022, has declared that the Village will abide by the current non-home rule tax cap.*

WHERE Does the Money Go?

95% of the Village general fund is dedicated to providing basic public services such as:

- ◆ Police, Fire, Public Works and other Village services
- ◆ Commodities such as fuel, salt, energy, and other miscellaneous items

That leaves just 5% of the budget for creating, repairing and improving infrastructure. Home rule revenues could be designated for important Village improvements.

WHEN Is the Referendum?

Election Day Is November 8. Early Voting Begins September 29.
www.barrington-il.gov/homerule



A Message from Karen Darch

President, Village of Barrington

Home Rule: A Stronger Local Voice

As you may know, this fall the Village of Barrington has placed a "Home Rule" referendum question on the November 8 ballot. Early voting begins on September 29, which means you will soon have the opportunity to make your voice heard on this important topic.

Essentially, Home Rule gives our residents a stronger local voice. As one of our residents told me recently, Home Rule ensures that "the people making the decisions for Barrington are my neighbors and friends — my local officials that I run into at the Jewel. I know I have their ear, whereas I don't have nearly as much contact with our state officials."

Home Rule also provides for the ability for Barrington to create more diverse revenue streams. Many people visit our town from other communities and use our infrastructure — roads, sidewalks, bike paths, and more. Home Rule allows the Village

to spread the burden of those costs onto non-residents, rather than just relying on our residents to foot the bill. When we visit restaurants and shops in other towns, we are similarly supporting those communities.

This fall, we will be holding a series of community meetings to allow our residents to learn more about Home Rule before going to the ballot box. The dates and times of these meetings are listed on the insert to this newsletter. The meeting are a great way to learn more about what Home Rule is as well as which of our many neighboring communities are also Home Rule.

Meanwhile, please check out additional information on our web site at www.barrington-il.gov/homerule.

Remember, early voting begins September 29, and Election Day is November 8. Your vote matters.

Karen Darch

Fall Season Kicks Off at Barrington's White House



"Astor Piazzolla @100" with Violinist Philippe Quint
Sunday, September 11, 3:00 p.m.

3rd Thursdays Art Night Out: Artists from the Oil Painters of America
Thursday, September 15, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Paint the Town Barrington: 6th Annual Artists' Public Viewing, Reception, and Awards
Saturday, October 8, 6:00 p.m.

Third Coast Percussion: "Perspectives"
Sunday, October 16, 3:00 p.m.

3rd Thursdays Art Night Out: Anita Maher and Lynn Rushing: A Joint Artistic Exhibit
Thursday, October 20, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

"Ghost Stories and Scary Tales" with Storytellers Jim May and Megan Wells
Sunday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.

Elgin Symphony Halloween Chamber Concert for Families
Saturday, October 29, 1:00 p.m.

For information and tickets, go to:
barringtonwhitehouse.com/events

ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Stories of Survival

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A project of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center and photographer Jim Lommason

This special installation at Barrington's White House is made possible by:



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BARRINGTON'S
WHITE HOUSE

Exhibit & Interactive Virtual Survivor Stories
Tuesday, October 25 to Sunday, November 6, 2022

An Interview with Sam Harris, Survivor of the Holocaust
Tuesday, October 25, 7:30 p.m.

Understanding the Holocaust Through Film
Thursday, October 27, 7:30 p.m.

"I Never Saw Another Butterfly": The Holocaust Through Music
Sunday, November 6

Stay in the Know During an Emergency: Sign Up for Community Alerts

Visit www.barrington-il.gov/emergencyalerts to sign up for Reverse 911 alerts to receive phone calls, texts, and/or e-mails in the event of a community emergency.

Village Vision

The vision of Barrington is to preserve and promote its unique small-town heritage, preserve its distinct ecological and historical character, provide a moral and safe environment, maintain a high quality of life through the efficient use of community resources, and respond to future challenges through citizen participation in all civic, social and cultural endeavors.

2022 ELECTION INFORMATION

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LOOK INSIDE! SPECIAL HOME RULE REFERENDUM INSERT

The Village of Barrington has placed a "Home Rule" referendum question on the November 8 ballot. For detailed information about Home Rule and what the referendum could mean to you, please see the special insert inside.

Other Voter Information: Candidates for Office in the Municipal General Election to be Held on April 4, 2023

The Illinois State Board of Elections has released the 2023 Candidates Guide for those who are seeking local office in the Municipal General Election to be held on April 4, 2023. This Guide provides information and requirements for filing.

Dates for circulating and filing petitions and objections for independent candidates, as set forth in the Guide, are outlined at right.

First date to circulate petitions:

September 20, 2022

First date to file petitions:

December 12, 2022

Last date to file petitions:

December 19, 2022

Last date to file objections to petitions:

December 27, 2022

Questions? Visit www.barrington-il.gov/vote

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